

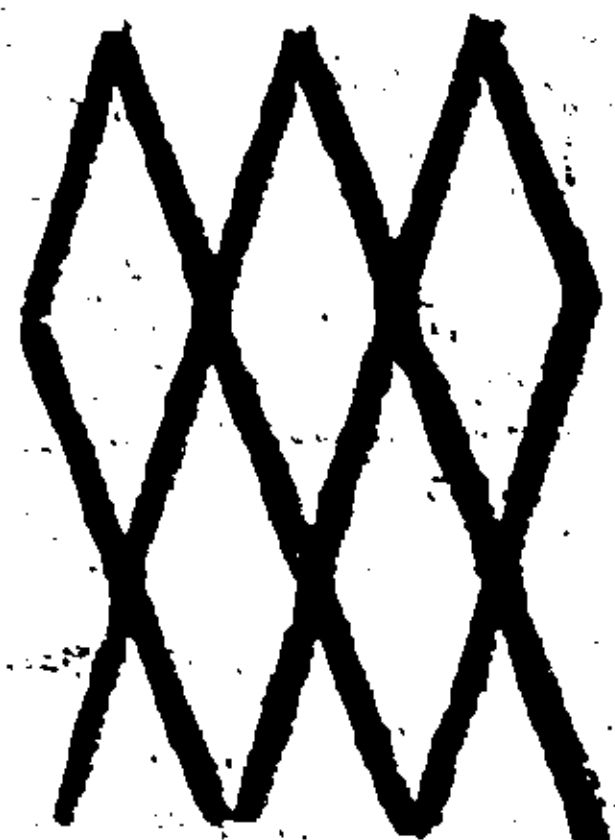




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BETHMANN HOLLWEG ON GERMAN  
GUILT.Copenhagen, Nov. 28.—Herr  
von Bethmann Hollweg, in the  
course of interview with the  
North-German Gazette, said—  
President Wilson's 14 points  
clearly express the opinion that  
it is really French aspirations  
to reconquer Alsace-Lorraine  
that have kept the world in a  
state of unrest for the last half-  
century. Our guilt consists in  
our lack of ability to treat Alsace-  
Lorraine so gradually as to make  
the inhabitants forget the change  
in their allegiance, and at the same  
time to hinder the great part of  
the world from feeling that we  
committed an enormous wrong  
in 1871—a feeling certainly not  
general in America and England  
in 1871. But, above all, we  
must confess that by the deficien-  
cies of our national character and  
by the sins of our general be-  
haviour we have contributed to  
the warlike tension which filled  
the air for the last 10 years.  
Words which might be taken as  
provocation were repeatedly  
uttered. The Pan-Germans' ac-  
tivities at home and abroad have  
done us the greatest harm, but,  
above all, our naval policy brought  
the most fatal opposition.

## UNIVERSITY TRAINING FOR OFFICERS.

A scheme for training officers  
on demobilisation has been  
drawn up at Sheffield University,  
and already some wounded  
officers are being given instruc-  
tion. At the annual meeting of  
the University, Dr. Ripper, the  
Vice-Chancellor, stated that some-  
thing like fifteen thousand  
officers were expected to make  
application for a course of univer-  
sity study. Facilities would also  
be given to non-commissioned  
officers to obtain university train-  
ing. The foreign languages side  
was to be greatly developed and  
universities generally would give  
greater facilities for training in  
commerce.

## CRUSOE'S ISLAND.

It gave me a considerable  
shock says a correspondent in the  
Daily News, to read in a Brazilian  
paper recently that Robinson  
Crusoe's island of Juan Fernan-  
dez now has a wireless station  
of its own. But what a wealth  
of inspiration to the enterprising  
writer reposes in this bald an-  
nouncement. Defoe Up-to-Date  
would be highly popular, I  
imagine, with the youth of our  
scientific age. Fancy Friday  
sending out the S O S from the  
stockade, while on the sand-  
bagged roof Crusoe, in gaiters  
and steel helmet, trains the an-  
t submarine gun (providentially  
recovered from the wreck) against  
the cannibal aeroplanes.

## NEW ZEALAND'S SOLDIERS.

Sir Joseph Ward, Minister of  
finance, delivered his Budget  
statement in the House of Repre-  
sentatives recently. The total  
war expenditure, he said amount-  
ed to £51,400,000 of which  
£39,250,000 was raised in New  
Zealand. The Government had pur-  
chased 394,000 acres of land for the  
settlement of discharged soldiers  
and advanced £191,000 to soldier  
settlers on the land. War pen-  
sions to March 31 numbered  
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## ITALY'S WAR INDEMNITY.

The question of the war in-  
demnity payable to Italy is giv-  
ing rise to a good deal of discus-  
sion in the Press, writes the  
Rome correspondent of the  
Central News. The *Rivista  
Politica e Parlamentare* asserts  
that Italy ought to demand at  
least 90,000,000 of lire (£3,600,-  
000,000) seventy milliards of  
which would be in repayment of  
war expenses, ten milliards for  
damage, and ten milliards on  
account of stolen material and  
foodstuffs. The claim would, of  
course, be almost entirely against  
Austria-Hungary, and not against  
Germany.

## CHINA AND GOLD CURRENCY.

According to Japanese report  
Peking is determined to issue the  
gold currency bonds in spite of  
the protests of the Consortium  
banks. It is said that in return  
for the money the Peking  
Government is to receive from  
the Japanese banks in connection  
with the Japanese railway loans,  
the new gold currency bonds  
instead of the usual Treasury  
bonds will be issued. The Japa-  
nese report is careful to say that  
the Japanese banks will be asked  
to receive such bonds before  
placing them on the Japanese  
financial market. Before very  
long the formal agreement for  
the Chi-Hui railway loan and the  
Four Line Loan of the Man-  
churian and Mongolian railways  
will be signed in Peking.  
Iwasa, manager of the Haing  
Yeh Bank, who represents the  
Japanese banks, has already  
arrived in Peking to push  
matters.

## A PROFIT-SHARING SCHEME

HAPPY WORKMEN AND  
SATISFIED EMPLOYERS.In the following interview in  
the Daily Chronicle Mr. Andrew  
Weir, the Surveyor-General of  
Supply, discusses the future of  
commerce and industry, declares  
that Labour must become the  
partner of Capital in securing  
increased production, which will  
lead to greater wealth and higher  
wages, and insists on the need of  
getting rid of suspicion between  
employers and employed.I sought him out to get his  
ideas on the great commercial  
problems of the future.  
He tells me that he has no fear  
of foreign rivalry in trade. He  
says, for example, that the great  
shipbuilding industry of this  
country need not dread competi-  
tion. We can build cheaper and  
better than anybody else. When  
I objected to him that in  
course of time America might so  
perfect her machinery as to build  
cheaper than we could build, he  
replied: "And what should we  
be doing?" The twinkle in his  
eyes was worth a page of  
statistics."I have no fear of the future,"  
he told me, "provided the people  
of this country are loyal to its  
interests. There is something in  
British character which makes  
scepticism of its future absurd,  
and perhaps disloyal. This  
sterling quality is one of our  
greatest assets. Now when a  
man is heavily in debt what does  
he do; what is the first thing to  
be done? It is to count his  
assets. We are in debt. Let us  
count our assets. If we count  
those assets, the material assets  
of the British Empire, we see at  
once that our debt can be  
discharged.

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"There is no nation in the  
whole world so well placed to  
discharge its liabilities. We can  
pay. There is no fear of that.  
But when we come to count our  
moral assets, the high intelligence  
of our skilled workmen, the  
sobriety of the industrial classes,  
and the essential honesty of the  
nation, with its courage, its sense  
of fair play; not leaving out its  
humour and cheerfulness, we see  
at once how enviable is our po-  
sition in the world, and how foolish  
is any doubt as to the future."I asked him what course he  
would recommend to allay the  
anxiety in this matter, which  
tends to paralyse industrial action  
on a vast and heroic scale."Lord Leverhulme," he replied,  
"is quite right in his call for a  
definite pronouncement by the  
Government as to the future  
foundations of British industry.  
We want confidence, complete  
confidence, before we can make a  
real start to pay off our debts and  
purchase a far better estate with  
our prosperity. The least touch  
of Bohemism in this matter will  
have an immediate and a ruinous  
result; capital would go to other  
countries, and the tremendously  
intricate fabric of British industry  
would collapse. That is obvious.""But there is something more  
to be said. If Capital has  
a right to ask for a pro-  
nouncement by the Government,  
so has Labour. Don't let us for-  
get that. I believe that our  
prosperity would be without a  
rival in the world if the  
Prime Minister could establish  
confidence between Capital and  
Labour, if he could make Capital  
feel quite certain that Labour  
will work with a stout heart and  
with a real thoroughness, and if  
he could make Labour feel equal-  
ly certain that Capital will not  
rob it of the fruits of its  
heartiness. Now, can this be  
done?"GETTING RID OF SUSPICION.  
"You mean, our we get rid of  
suspicion in the industrial world?"

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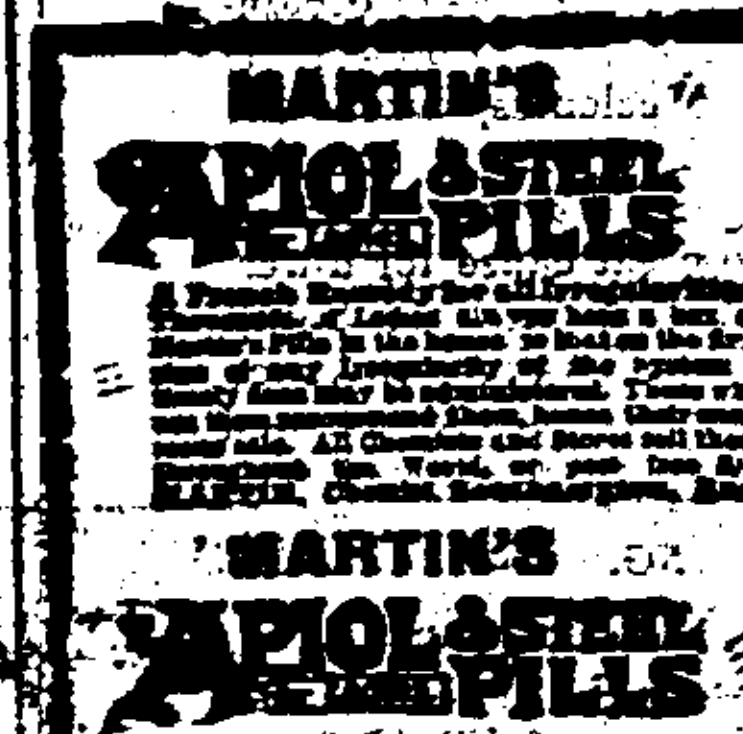
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## A PROFIT-SHARING SCHEME.

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"You use the right word," he replied. "The bane of British industry is suspicion. Suspicion is our worst enemy. Much is to be said for Labour in this respect. Let us recognise it like honest men. Labour has reason for its suspicion. Let us have faith in honesty and set to work to get rid of this paralyzing suspicion. Can we do it? I believe we can. I believe indeed, that a pronouncement by the Prime Minister would give us at once a magnificent start in that direction."

"What would you have him say?" I inquired.

"I would like him," he answered, "to declare that henceforth Labour is to participate in the profits of industry, that the policy of the Government is to have this great end in view, and that to no other industrial end will the Government give a more whole-hearted sympathy. If we get rid of our canny we get rid of the one stumbling block in the way of national prosperity. If our factories produce what they can easily produce, national wealth will be multiplied to an extraordinary degree. This is certain; it admits of no doubt. Now, how can we persuade Labour to abandon the suicidal policy of 'canny', how can we encourage Labour to throw itself with enthusiasm into the work of producing more wealth for the nation? By insuring that it shall get its due share of the additional wealth so produced."

MEANING OF PROFIT-SHARING.  
"Profit-sharing is one method to this great end. Labour must become the partner of Capital. Let us tell Labour that by profit-sharing we do not mean £5 at Christmas. That is absurd. Let us tell Labour that by profit-sharing we mean that the Labour contribution to the increased production, which secures increased wealth, shall, in addition to good wages, receive at the end of every week or month a substantial sum as its share."

I interrupted. "But can this really be done?"  
"It can."

"Without increasing the price of the product?"

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"Therefore the management can say to a deputation of labour, 'We have undertaken this contract, allowing in our calculations so many weeks for its completion; if it is finished in less time there will be an additional profit; that profit we propose to divide between management and labour in a proportion to be agreed upon now between you and us; it is worth your while and our while to speed up machinery and get the thing done as quickly as possible consistent with efficiency. PROFIT IN SAVING TIME.'

"This system, you see, makes profit-sharing immediately effective. I lay stress on that. Every week management and labour would know exactly how many hours had been saved, and the profit would show in the wages. A workman who finds that by putting his heart into a job he can earn not only high wages but a high profit in addition, enabling him to live in a better house, to cultivate a bigger garden, to keep more pets, to provide his wife and children with more pleasures, such a man will soon abandon the suicidal policy of 'canny', and will be as proud of his factory as the managing director. We shall have in this way the best workmen in the world, and happiest, and we shall get in time a democracy absolutely

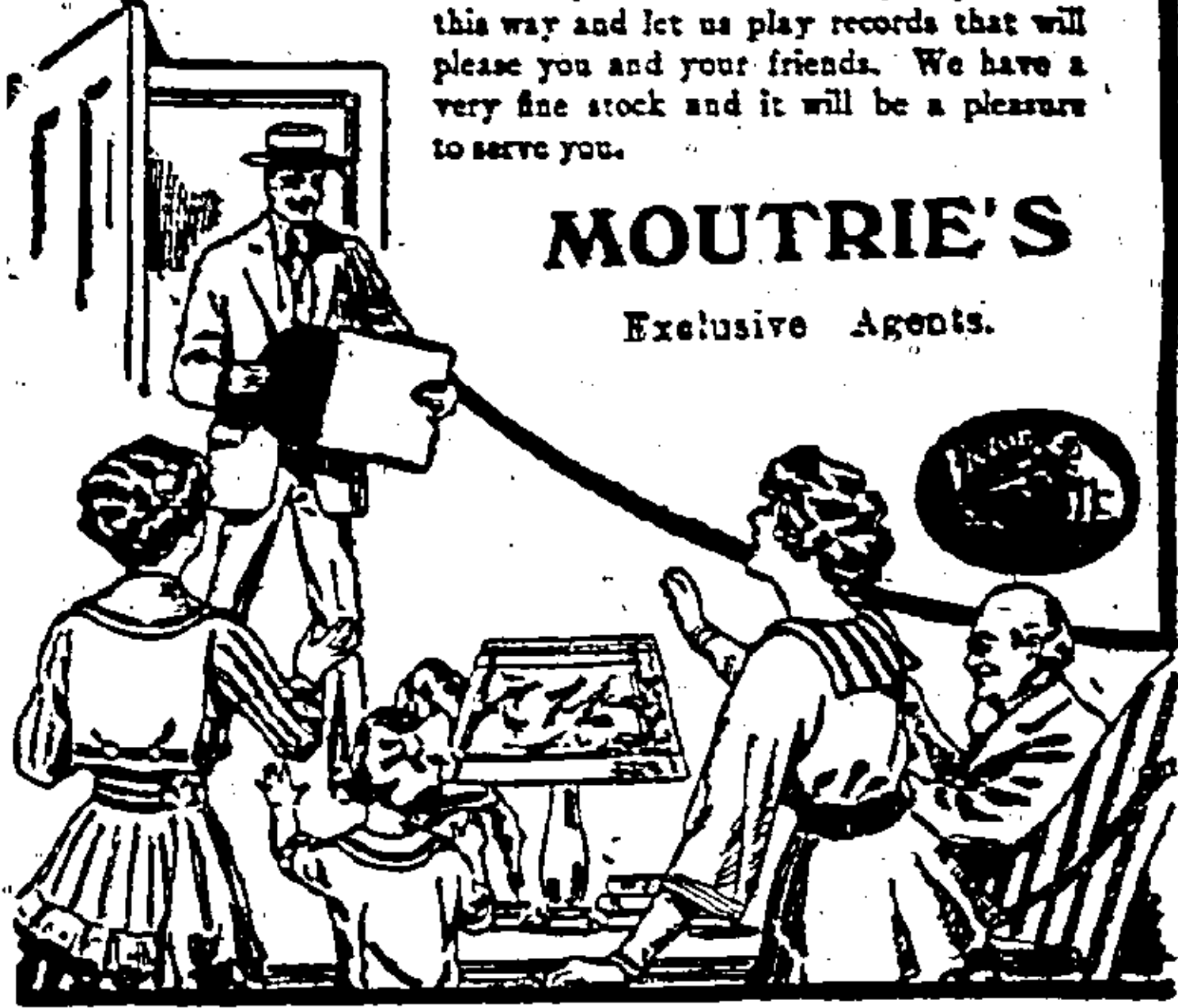
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## GENERAL NEWS.

## A WALKING SHOP.

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## ARTIST'S MODEL &amp; DIPLOMAT'S SON.

An artist's model, who used to pose for the late Sir Alma Tadema, was awarded £250 and costs at the London Sheriff's Court recently for breach of promise of marriage. Plaintiff was Frances Mary Ruff, of Apache-road, Brighton, and defendant Sten Andersen Eiske de Bille, son of a former Danish Minister in London who signed the marriage contract between King Edward and Queen Alexandra. Miss Ruff explained that it was a case of love at first sight, and that defendant must have spent hundreds of pounds on entertaining her. He said his income was about £800 a year. Last May she received a letter in which he said: I tried to give away something which was not mine to give. It was unfair and wrong, but the consequences would be far more wrong to you, and life would be a hell to both of us. Defendant admitted the engagement. He said he had no income except £5 a week which he earned in the Censor's Department.

## GERMAN DEBTS TO FRANCE.

France estimates the German debts to her alone at 340,000,000,000 francs! Return of the indemnity of 1871 with interest, 60,000,000,000 francs; expenses in the present war, 140,000,000,000 francs; pensions, 40,000,000,000 francs; and reparation for damages, 100,000,000,000! And that is only the French bill! What will the total be when accounts are rendered by Belgium, England, Serbia, Rumania and Russia? Already there is talk of limiting the assessment to what Germany should be able to pay, and that is only common sense, for by no possible means can more be obtained. Germans can do better with Germany than any other people, but they will do nothing if they are to get absolutely nothing for themselves.

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### A STANDING ARMY.

Whatever the ideals of the League of Nations proposal, it is clear that it will be a long time before they can be attained. Therefore the old methods of National and Imperial defence must still be maintained until such a time as the new conditions arising from a League of Nations are actually in operation. Even then the League of Nations has to prove its effectiveness, and this also is a matter of time. However perfect in theory, it is the practical results of the scheme which will demonstrate its worth as the greatest factor in the future international relations of the nations of the world. Until the League of Nations has stood the test of time, the old system must continue, and thus armies and navies must be maintained at least by the great nations. But it is, of course, with our own great Empire with which we are most concerned. After four years of war from which we have emerged victorious, and in which we have played the most glorious of parts, we find the British Empire in a position to which our former greatness seems very small. Before the war, we had the greatest Empire of all the nations, an Empire which spread throughout the four quarters of the globe, but we have an even prouder position now. We are one of the victorious Allied Powers which has saved the liberty of nations and which is about to reconstruct the world on new and nobler principles.

Until the League of Nations becomes more than a name, and has proved itself capable of conducting the affairs of the world, Britain, along with the other Allies, must be in a position to maintain peace by force of arms. For a time therefore the old system of armies and navies must be the means of safeguarding the peace of Europe, and the great question is asked "How are we to obtain a standing army?" Before the war we had a comparatively small army of regular professional soldiers. What has become of this army? In a war of such magnitude as the one we have just passed through, it was impossible for such a small army to survive, with the result that the present-day army is composed of an overwhelming extent of temporary soldiers, who must now return to take up again their pre-war civilian occupations in the industrial, commercial and professional life of the nation. According to the official figures, this army is at present being demobilised at the rate of thirty thousand daily, a figure which will be changed to forty thousand in a short time. It is obvious therefore that if this process is continued, we shall have no army at all in a few months. It must be remembered too that peace has not yet been signed, and that big forces are required to form an army of occupation of enemy countries to ensure the maintenance of law and order, and the faithful fulfilment of the peace terms by the enemy.

In a year or so we might once more have an army on the old voluntary system, but till that is accomplished, big organised forces must be maintained. They must be bigger, too, than our pre-war army, for, added to all our national and imperial demands are those resulting from our occupation of Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Turkey, wide regions in the Middle East, Africa and the Pacific. We shall, of course, only take a share in this work, but that share will be very great. We have, generally speaking, no regular army for these purposes, so it is vitally necessary to find one to cover the intervening period between the end of the war, and the formation of an army on the old voluntary system. For this purpose a big conference has taken place in Paris, at which proposals have been drawn up by which it is hoped that sufficient troops will be found to carry out the demands of the Empire, and safeguard British interests. The Navy is in a somewhat different position, as our standing Navy was always great, but here too the greatly increased requirements of the Empire must be met. Our desire for a return to a pre-war basis must not blind our eyes to the vital necessity of taking steps to defend our Empire, and to ensure that all the great sacrifices that we have made have not been in vain.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

#### SPREAD OF BOLSHEVISM.

The other day we had something to say about the dangers of Bolshivism spreading to the Far East, being prompted in our remarks by the report that Chinese Bolshhevik emissaries were being sent to this part of the world. We have just come across an interesting report which shows that fears in this direction were not ill-founded. Recently six Chinese reached the Manchurian frontier from Russia accompanied by a guard dressed in Czechoslovak uniforms. On the appearance of railway police, the latter made themselves very scarce and an examination of the belongings of the Chinese disclosed the possession of boxes and bags containing some six and a half million roubles. These Chinese were detained as possibly being the first batch of Bolshhevik emissaries, while the so-called Czechs were, no doubt rightly, regarded as Bolshheviks. An incident of this character shows the kind of propaganda that is being carried on by the Bolshheviks, and though no great harm might have come of this particular movement—the Chinese would probably make themselves quite comfortable with the money—yet any large expansion of the plan might very well lead to disastrous results. These are days in which the whole world needs to be on its guard against the insidious ways of the Bolshheviks.

#### THE FAMINE IN INDIA.

There is an acute famine, as Reuters tell us, in India. While the war has enriched the world with numerous discoveries, the genius of man has not as yet invented a process whereby we can control the weather, and thus assure good crops all round the year. Until such a discovery is made, India must go through her cycles of lean and fat years. In a country like India, the rains play a paramount part in ensuring the happiness and prosperity of the people. The agricultural situation throughout India continues to be gloomy. For weeks the country has been rainless, rain being badly needed everywhere. Standing crops are generally average on the irrigated areas, and are withering in many places. There is a deficiency of fodder and as a result the cattle, on which the Indian *not* invests his cash, are dying rapidly. Fodder is being supplied to all affected districts by a Famine Fodder Controller. The situation is very gloomy, and Reuters informs us that among the measures taken to ameliorate it are the prohibition of the exportation of Indian grain, a favourable acquisition of most of the Burma rice crops and the importation of Australian wheat. Owing to the existing adverse agricultural position of India, every iota of exportable rice from Burma will be needed to feed the millions of India's population.

#### NECESSARY STEPS.

The price of rice has already been standardised and the restrictions on the export of cereals is a wise decision and a step in the right direction. Mr. M. S. Gubbay, C.S.I.C.I.E., I.C.S., the Food Commissioner for India, is a very far-seeing official, and has rendered yeoman services in connection with the control of wheat, his scheme to supply the Allies with India's wheat being voted a huge success. He apparently foresaw the famine in India for, in spite of the vituperation of the Burma Press and the rice merchants of that Province, he declined to release the restrictions on the export of the staple to other places than India. That step is amply justified at present. The closing of the Java and Far Eastern markets should no longer send the Rangoon rice merchants into a rage, for the opening of the Calcutta and Bombay markets—the latter of which was practically closed for want of tonnage—has counter-balanced it. The control of foodstuffs, we think, must be continued throughout the year if India is to be saved from a terrible famine, and what is more, tonnage at a possibly reduced freight should be granted for export to Indian ports and a facility for supplying railway waggons for foodstuffs and fodder at special rates must be made. While in an uncivilised country like Russia export of foodstuffs was prohibited in times of famine, India has not done previously. Mr. M. S. Gubbay is the *dux machinae* and there are great hopes that he will pull India out of the throes of the famine that is staring her in the face.

### DAY BY DAY.

#### EVERY UNPUNISHED DELINQUENCY HAS A FAMILY OF DELINQUENCIES.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 3.3-18d.

During yesterday one non-fatal case of spotted fever was notified.

The Empress of Russia, which is making the trip via the Suez, is due here on February 12.

Dr. Johnson, Principal Civil Medical Officer, went on leave by the a.s. Eclair.

From the Vacuum Oil Co. we have received two dainty wall calendars produced in the artistic style characteristic of those of previous years.

From Messrs. Thos. W. Simmons and Co. we have received two effective office calendars bearing a pretty coloured picture of a sailing vessel at sea.

We learn that all export of rice from Saigon has been prohibited and that any departure from this has to be sanctioned by the French Consul in Hongkong. It is said that \$9 per picul is being demanded and that the rice is being held up in anticipation of big purchases by the British Government for Chinese coolies in France.

The familiar Hongkong Directory, Diary and Blotter published by the South China Morning Post, Ltd., brought thoroughly up to date, has made its appearance once again. It contains much local information, including, besides lists of foreign firms and residents, a Peak Directory, while its make-up is such that it is without doubt the handiest and most useful office requisite issued in the Colony. It should find a place in the home also. Priced at \$3, it is more than worth the money, and will doubtless, as in former years, be much in demand.

This morning was exceptionally foggy and the "toot" of the ferry-boats was continuous up till 9 a.m., when the sun slowly dissipated the haze. Two of the "Star" Ferry boats narrowly escaped a collision at about 8 o'clock, when the ferry from Kowloon passed one from Hongkong by a hair's breadth. Most of the ferries were late, necessitating an extra one being put on the run. The journey, which ordinarily is done in nine minutes, this morning took over a quarter of an hour. Nevertheless, the fog was nothing compared to what we experienced last year, when ferries went out of their way altogether.

We have read in works of fiction of dead men coming to life, and we had an illustration of it to-day at the Magistracy. Inspector Macdonald appeared to prosecute in a case in which a man was charged, on remand, with committing a daring robbery. Along with him was charged another man, who is at present in hospital suffering from a serious wound. "That man is dead," said Mr. Wood. "He is more alive than dead," replied the Inspector. "But I read that in the newspaper," said Mr. Wood. "That's incorrect," was the rejoinder. A good motto in life: Believe one-eighth of what you hear, a quarter of what you read, and half of what you see.

Mrs. Milroy has just sent a draft of \$32 13s. 1d. to the Weekly Dispatch Tobacco Fund, this representing the last batch of subscriptions secured by means of the "Khaki Bag." The little bag is now finally closed, after having been instrumental in securing a total of \$605 17s. 7d. Mrs. Milroy first began collecting with the bag in December, 1914, and the splendid result which has been obtained, assuring happiness to many war-worn soldiers, is a striking example of what personal initiative can accomplish. She wishes to express her warmest thanks to all who have so generously contributed to the fund. This final draft goes to the management of the Fund with a request that the money be spent in smoke for men in hospital.

### MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

#### [BY "ENHARMONIC."]

Optimistic views of Britain's musical future are expressed by people who should know, at home, but it is considered that reconstruction will take time. The opinion is expressed that there will not be as many concerts as before the war but those that will take place will be better and there are many signs that the demand for good music will increase.

Judging from reports in Home newspapers, there certainly appears to have been an attempt to force upon the public super-modern music, if I may coin the term, which is acceptable only to the minority. Choral music appears to have been sadly left out in the cold and in view of the fact that the English are admitted to be the finest choral singers in the world, such a state of affairs should be remedied forthwith. It is good healthy music that is wanted, not the outpourings of melancholy melody in a multiplicity of minor keys at one and the same time that characterise the compositions of some of the ultra modernists.

Speaking, or rather writing, of choral music, reminds me of that great enthusiast, Carter, who did so much for English choral singing nearly three decades ago. Carter's Choir, which used to perform at the Oratorio and at St. Patrick's Day and St. Andrew's Day and other festivals at the Albert Hall, in those days, gained worldwide fame. The Choir, which comprised about three hundred voices, was organised and trained by Carter at his own expense. True, the vocalists gave their services free but they received free training and many of them could not read a note of music. Carter's only stipulation was a really good natural voice and he did the rest. The Choir's rendering of the Hallelujah Chorus was considered to be the finest choral performance ever heard at that period.

Those were grand times of vocal music and associated with them are the names of Sims Reeves, Signor Foli, Dalgely Henderson, Ivor Macay, Antonette Stirling, Princess Ti Ranji Pai, Esther Palliser, Bella, Cole, Alice Gomez, Clara Butt and a host of others.

It is just fifty years ago that Rossini died. He composed between forty and fifty operas but to all intents and purposes, only "The Barber of Seville" can really be said to have survived. One occasionally hears of the "Stabat Mater" being given in choral form (it is an opera, not religious music as commonly supposed) and the "William Tell" overture is occasionally played by military and other bands, but his other works are to all intents and purposes dead.

The Society of American Singers of New York recently devoted its attention to a revival of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondoliers," at the Park Theatre, and so well was the production received that all other fixtures were abandoned for the time being.

I learn that Dr. Walford Davies has been appointed to the position of Director of Music in the University of Wales. Walford Davies has been doing good work in organising concerts for soldiers during the war, and has occupied the position of organist at the Temple Church for some time past. Congratulations!

I was quite surprised to learn recently that Kubelik is a Czechoslovak by birth. I had always understood him to be a Bohemian. However, there was some excuse for my mistake for my informant told me that when Kubelik married he had to adopt Hungarian nationality, to which his wife, the Countess Czaky, belongs, for the purpose of legalising property transfers. I also learned that the greater percentage of prominent stringed instrument players are of Czech origin.

### COMPANY MEETING.

#### UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

The fourteenth annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. was held to-day at 11.30 a.m. in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd., when there were present Messrs. S. H. Dodwell (Chairman), J. Jonckheer, A. O. Lang, S. Yasuda, W. Adamson and A. E. Crapnell (Consulting Committee), G. Morton Smith (Secretary), W. E. Clarke, A. Ritchie and G. C. Maxon (shareholders).

After the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts having been in your hands for some time, I propose, with your permission, to take them as read. The profit on trading for the year amounts to \$27,646.14, some \$7,000 less than last year, but considering the very large withdrawal of tonnage from the port, both liner and coasting, for the purposes of the war, and the fact that we have not asked our customers to pay more for their water supplies, I do not think the result can be considered as unsatisfactory. Added to the dearth of shipping in the port, the high cost of coal during the year has caused your General Managers some anxiety, but by exercising economy, so far as it was advisable, in all departments, this critical year has been comparatively safely negotiated. You will see that, thanks to the profit of \$9,000 on the sale of No. 5 Waterboat, the last of the old ones, which was fortunately disposed of at the right moment, the amount available for distribution is larger than last year, namely \$51,700.70 as against \$50,403.75 and I trust that you will approve of the allocation recommended.

With regard to the \$9,000 it is recommended should be Special Repairs Account, I would explain that the necessity for this provision is due to the postponement of a certain amount of replating of some of the boats on account of the present abnormally high cost of material. All the boats have been well kept up, but a certain amount of replating will be necessary within the next year or so. Your superintendents reports that there is no immediate necessity for the work being carried out, but in the circumstances your General Managers and Consulting Committee consider it essential that provision should be made for repairs which, under normal conditions, might have been carried out this year. I am pleased to say that there is no necessity this year to write off anything account investments, which stand in your books below their market value. I think, gentlemen, that is all the comment that is necessary, and I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as circulated.

Captain W. E. Clarke, in seconding the proposal, said:—I have very much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts. I am sure that all the shareholders will be satisfied with the earnings made, considering the times we have passed through. The dearth of shipping in the harbour last year has decreased the earnings of the Company very much. It is due to the General Managers and the Consulting Committee that we passed successfully through such times. I have pleasure in seconding the report and accounts.

This was put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

In was proposed by Mr. A. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. W. Adamson, and unanimously carried, that Mr. C. Bernard Brown be re-elected auditor for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$200 a year.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants were now ready, and could be had on application.

New York is at present giving a good deal of attention to the French composers. A season was opened with the masterpiece of the greatest of modern French composers—Saint Saens' "Samson and Delilah." "Faust" and "Carmen" are also receiving attention. French music has been sadly neglected in the past and it is good to observe that New York managers have decided to remedy this.

### SYKORA-SKLAREVSKI CONCERT.

#### AN UNPARALLELED SUCCESS.

Almost every seat in the Theatre Royal was occupied last night, when the first concert of their season was given by M. Sklarevski (Piano) and M. Sykora (Cello). His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government and party occupied seats in the Dress Circle. Before dealing with the programme it is worthy of remark that the stage was arranged in a very artistic manner, and there is not the slightest doubt that the surroundings, with the subdued light, added greatly to the atmosphere of repose which characterised the playing of the two musicians throughout.

The programme was opened with Beethoven's Sonata (opus 69) for piano and cello. The Sonata contains four movements—Allegro, Scherzo, Adagio Cantabile, Allegro vivace,—and it is a composition which many players spoil by making one of either instrument too prominent, but the rendering of the Sonata by M. Sklarevski and M. Sykora last night was little short of a revelation. It was a marvel of unified expression, colouring, phrasing and balance. Not in a single instance did either player exceed the bounds of restraint for which the composition offers so much temptation. The piece did not call for any particular effort in technique (so far as that may be said of such compositions and such players); rather did it require abnormal phrasing powers, and, as presented last night, the work was perfect. Practically the same may be said of the Tchaikowski variations on a theme, of which there are seven movements, with the exception that great executive powers were demanded, but the players found no difficulty; their rendering was flawless.

In his solo items, M. Sykora satisfied all that his reputation, lavishly as it was referred to in Press notices, had not been placed on too high a plane. To him such players as van Biehn, Guilhermina Suggia, and Squires must take second place. Lightness, repose, dignity, control of form, energy of execution, grandeur of cadence are the only terms that can attempt to define this marvellous cellist. His double stopping in all positions was such as many who claim to have heard the world's best players, could not truthfully assert they had heard better, and his harmonics were as clear, as liquid and as perfect as if played on the open string. M. Sykora has been called the Mischka Elman of the cello. It is not too extravagant to say that he combines all the powers of any known violinist that can possibly be spoken of as analogous to cello playing. He played the most difficult passages with utmost grace and ease, never straining for effect, and in the allegro passages his stopping was perfect. One could go on writing indefinitely in this strain and then fall short of adequate description. The genius must be heard to gather any idea of his wonderful powers.

On the piano, M. Sklarevski shows us a new individuality. He is subdued to a degree, and he secures his effects without effort. He seems to almost caress the keys of the piano and the wonderful melody and fullness of tone he draws from the instrument with such apparent little effort is extraordinary. But he has the power, when required, as exemplified in his playing of the Resurrection Polonaise (Chopin, A flat major). He gave quite a distinct interpretation of the composition as compared to what we have heard before in the Colony, particularly in the second movement, in which he was somewhat more energetic than is usually heard. In the return to the first movement his wonderful technique was shown, and he played the majestic chords, which most players are compelled to slur, in a clear and distinct manner which was little short of marvellous. Another side of his temperament was exhibited in the Etudes, which M. Sklarevski rendered with grace and depth of meaning that would have delighted Chopin himself.

No praise is to high for these two wonderful men and, although the remark has so often been repeated, it is not the least exaggeration to say that the Colony has never heard anything like them. They are artists that would create a sensation in London where the critics are, perhaps, the most exacting in the world, and those who wish to hear them should book seats at once for next Tuesday's concert; otherwise they will certainly have to stand.



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## COMPANY REPORT.

The report of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., for presentation to shareholders at the thirty-second ordinary annual meeting, to be held at the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, 7th February, at noon, states:—

The Directors beg to submit to shareholders their report with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1918.

The profit on working was \$969,048.24 as compared with \$873,144.67 in 1917.

The net profit for the year after deducting Directors' and Auditors' fees, contributing \$5,000.00 to War Charities, and paying for repairs is \$880,956.76. The amount brought forward from last year is \$275,183.20 making a total of \$1,156,140.96 available for appropriation. The directors recommend the following:—

\$6 per share ...	\$360,000.00
To pay bonus of \$4 per share ...	240,000.00
To write off Launches ...	5,000.00
To write off Lighters ...	25,000.00
To write off Machinery and Plant ...	12,125.00
To write off Kowloon Wharves ...	50,000.00
To write off West Point Wharf ...	500.00
To write off Railways and Rolling Stock ...	23,000.00
To transfer to Reserve Fund ...	400,000.00
To carry forward to new account	40,523.96
	<b>\$1,156,140.96</b>

Directors.—During the year Mr. A. H. Compton retired and his place was taken by Hon. Mr. E. Shellim. Hon. Mr. E. Shellim resigned later and his place was taken by Mr. A. H. Compton. Messrs. A. O. Lang and E. V. D. Parr retire according to the Articles of Association and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—Messrs. F. Maitland and H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., have audited the accounts now presented and offer themselves for re-election.

DAVID LANDALE,

Chairman.

Hongkong, 23rd Jan. 1919.

## CRICKET.

## UNIVERSITY v. K. C. C.

To be played on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at 1.15 p.m. on the University ground. The University team is as follows:—A. H. Rumball (Capt.), R. A. Ponsonby, Fane, F. A. Redmond, J. D. Wright, W. Gittens, K. S. Lim, D. K. Samy, M. P. Chos, T. L. Cheah, R. A. Bato and G. E. Marley. Scorer:—Chan Sai Woo.

H. K. C. C. v. Mr. PONSONBY FANE'S XI.

The following will represent the Club on their ground on Monday, 3rd February, at 10 a.m.:—T. E. Pearce (Captain), Lt. Col. Coles, F. J. de Rome, D. E. Donnelly, Capt. Gray, E. W. Hamilton, P. Jacks, Capt. Murray, Asst. Paym. Robinson, F. Sutton and R. P. Thurstfield.

WINGARNS

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## FOOTBALL MATTERS.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

Sir, With regard to your comments on football matters which appeared in your columns last evening, I was much surprised at the news contained therein, and gather that the person making the statements must have had "inside knowledge" and was a little previous in publishing same.

I understand that the decisions which were arrived at, (and published in the Telegraph) will have to be brought before a meeting of the H.K.F.A. to be confirmed, or otherwise, as only this body can deal with the question, according to rule.

Yours etc.

VALLEYITE.

Hongkong, Jan. 30, 1919.

## PUNISHED FOR WASTING FOOD.

## WHAT EVERYBODY SHOULD REMEMBER.

You waste food if you eat it and get no benefit. And you will be punished. Your stomach will punish you. The food which you do not digest will ferment and give you pains. You will be weakened, become underfed—however much you eat. Your appetite will be poor, and if you are hungry, it will not be the healthy hunger which comes from all of the last meal having been digested and used in strengthening and nourishing you for your work, but an unnatural craving, caused by an irritable stomach. To get strength and nourishment out of food, your blood must be pure and rich. Healthy blood extracts nourishment from food and carries it to feed the muscles and nerves. That is why people who take Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people always notice an improved and natural appetite after a few days. Their blood is being purified and the pills are making new blood for them, which enables them to get full value for their meals. This new blood tones up the whole system, indigestion is dispelled and normal health is restored.

Go to your chemist for the pills—be sure to say you want Dr. Williams' pink pills—and you will soon find them doing you good. Also obtainable direct, and post free, one bottle for \$1.50, six for \$8.00, from the China Offices of the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 96 Szechuen Road, Shanghai.

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## LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

## SATURDAY'S PROGRAMME.

There will be one Senior League match on Saturday that between the R. A. and R. E. in the United Services League and this match will probably be played on the Club ground. The Club match arranged for Saturday has had to be postponed as Clark, McCubbin and Black are all on the injured list and Hamilton and Rodger are not available and without these men the Club could not turn out an XI as they have no Reserve Club. The 2nd Division matches are of an interesting nature and unless some holiday form is experienced Kowloon ought to beat the 57th Coy., and 58th Coy. should go down to the 83rd after the fine show made by the latter against the Navy Reserves last week. The Staffs make a reappearance after being off for some weeks and should have no trouble in beating the Navy Reserves. The teams and officials are as follow:—

U. S. League.—R. E. v. R. A. Kick-off 4 p.m., Mr. Tucker referee.  
2nd Division League.—Kick-off 2.30 p.m.—57th Coy. v. Kowloon, referee Mr. Emery; 83rd Coy. v. 58th Coy., referee Mr. Townsend; Navy Reserves v. Staffs and Depots., referee Mr. Praggall.

## GARRISON BILLIARDS.

R. G. A. v. the R. E.

The final games between these two teams were played, last night, at the Soldiers' Club, and resulted in a win for the R. G. A., who are now in the semi-final. The winners had the distinction of securing every game. The game was between Gnr. Nevin and Spr. Beall, the former winning by 77 and the best breaks were: Gnr. Nevin, of the R.G.A.—26, 24, 21, while Sapper Beall of the Engineers, made a break of 25.

Last night the 57th Company, R.G.A., opened their match with the Manchesters, Bombardier Sheppard losing to Sergeant Marshall by 64 points. This match will be continued to-night.

The scores of the two teams in the concluded match were as follows:—

R. G. A.	
Serg. Haakings	200
Gnr. Curtis	200
Gnr. Donaldson	200
Gnr. Donnelly	200
Serg. Davis	200
C. Q. M. S. Barker	200
Gnr. Nevin	200
Sgt. Drummond	200
	1,600
R. E.	
Sgt. Heath	178
2nd Corp. Tindley	147
Sgt. Bell	191
Corp. Townsend	172
C. Q. M. S. White	182
C. Q. M. S. Martin	189
Spr. Beall	123
C. Q. M. S. Wilson	151
	1,333

## WORK BAGS FOR SIBERIA.

## A HONGKONG APPEAL.

In answer to an urgent appeal from Vladivostok, Mrs. Stabb asked the ladies present at the meeting yesterday at Government House, kindly presided over by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, to give towards a fund for supplying work-bags fitted with scissors, thimbles, needles, pins, cotton, buttons, tapes, etc. to be sent to the refugee women in Siberia.

The Allied Red Cross Commission in Vladivostok are anxious to start the women working—enabling them to earn a little money and to make for themselves and their children the garments that they know are most suitable.

Some cases of material are promised by the Committee of the Hongkong Branch, Queen's Mary's Needlework Guild, and the appeal to the ladies yesterday morning resulted in an instant response of \$100.00, representing 100 bags. Mrs. Stabb is most grateful and thanks the generous donors warmly. She would be glad to still more money sent to her at the Hongkong Bank or 117 The Peak—every dollar means a bag—and every bag means work for one or more women.

In view of the congestion at Vladivostok, it is thought best to send this consignment direct to Tokyo, whence it will be carried by the W. M. C. A. and handed personally to the Allied Red Cross in Vladivostok.

It is hoped that the bags will be in use by the third week in February.

## DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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## JAPANESE IN AMERICA.

A Washington message says that in the course of an interpellation brought forward by Mr. Lewis in the Senate, the Senator suggested that America should conclude a satisfactory agreement with Japan regarding the latter's claim to equal treatment for her people with that extended to other nations. He said, that America was nevertheless well advised to reserve to herself the

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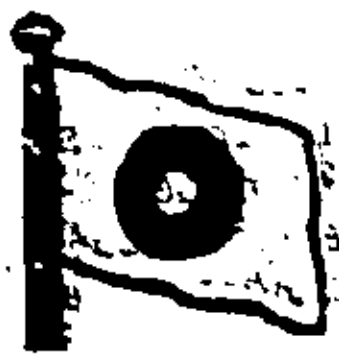
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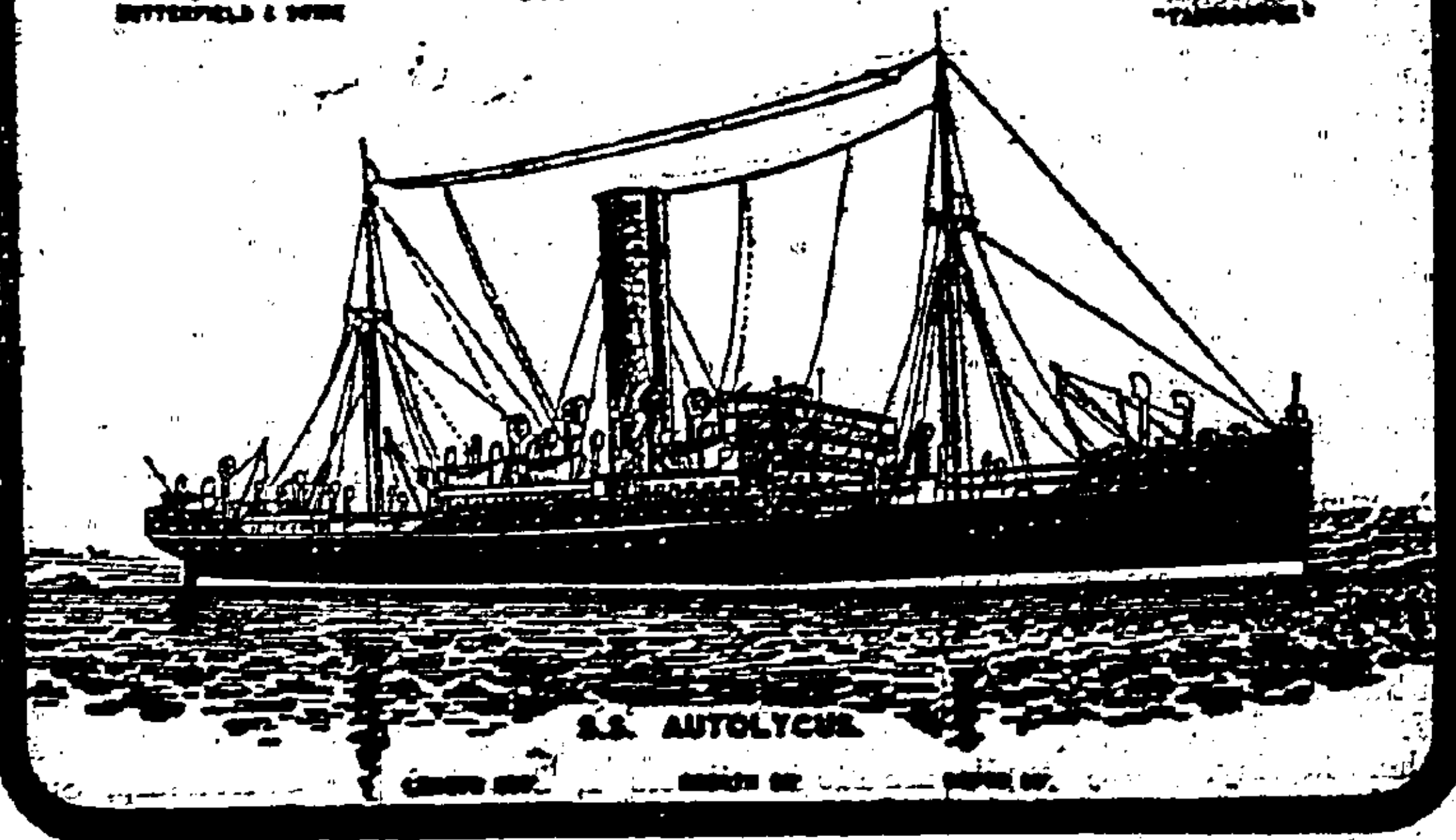
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## THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual distribution of prizes at St. Joseph's College is taking place this afternoon at 4.30 p.m. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.) is performing the ceremony, prior to which the following programme is to be presented:—Overture, Prof. Gonzales; chorus, "Ye Mariners of England," the College Choir; recitation, dialogue—"What we won't be," Masters A. Johnson, C. da Silva, D. Montalto, G. Noronha, George Fung, E. Carvalho, C. Osmund, W. Urquhart; quartette, "Larboard Watch," Masters M. Silva, C. Osmund, A. M. Xavier, and G. Silva; piano, Masters M. Silva and E. Carvalho; recitation, "The Destruction of Pompeii," Master A. M. Xavier; chorus, "The Professor and L.L.D.," the College Choir; violin solo, Prof. Gonzales.

## THE REPORT.

The following is the annual report of the Brother Director:—Before submitting my report on the work accomplished during the year, I consider it a very pleasant duty to welcome Your Excellency and to express my great appreciation of the honour of your presence to-day. The school year under review has been one of the most remarkable in the history of the College since its foundation in 1873. After the earthquake shocks the Colony experienced in February last, two-thirds of the main College fabric were declared unsafe, and orders were issued by the Building Authority to vacate the wings and to commence the overhauling of the building within six months. How to carry on the work of the school during the renovation of that large structure was a problem difficult of solution. For the remainder of the scholastic year the boarders were housed in some of the new rooms, and the classes taught in four different places. The old German Club, which the Directors of the Union Insurance Society of Canton had kindly placed at my disposal from month to month having been found suitable for the reorganisation of our work, its acquisition by the Society of the Christian Brothers was forthwith decided upon. In less than four months this five-storied edifice was converted into a most serviceable school-building and our work fully reorganised for the beginning of the current school year. It is clear that this is a central locality, and I may say that the work is now carried on under better conditions than before. Under ordinary circumstances this well-ventilated hall accommodates the boarders' beds, and it is not surprising if Dr. Strahan certifies that the dormitories are in a thoroughly satisfactory and sanitary condition. At present the higher classes are taught here, and the lower in the annexe to the old College building (Robinson Road) which was completed in October 1917. In his annual report Mr. Ralphs states that it is in every respect suitable as a school building, and is well furnished. Two small divisions of Classes 5 and 6 are taught in Kowloon. The numbers are practically those of the last four years: viz., 540 on roll as compared with 554 in 1917. To 540 must be added the 50 pupils attending the Kowloon branch opened in September 1917. The annual inspection was held in May. Many pupils were absent on account of the influenza epidemic, as had also been the case during the early months of the year owing to the outbreak of spotted fever. The Inspector of English Schools reported the equipment satisfactory, the discipline very good, and the staff adequate

according to code requirement. During the great war, three Brothers and one assistant Master, Mr. G. Bristow, responded to their country's call in the hour of need. In his report the Inspector of English Schools notes that, with the exception of two classes, where more attention to vocal sounds is necessary, Reading was generally very good. Written work was examined in all classes and found to be very good except in one class. In many classes a high standard is taken, especially in Composition. As in previous years, all exercise books are regularly corrected by the Masters and inspected by the Director. Test examinations are held at stated times during the year, and detailed reports regularly submitted to the parents of the pupils. The results of the public examinations were on the whole satisfactory. Out of 31 candidates who entered for the Preliminary Oxford Local in 1917, 26 passed. In 1918, the examination was held in September. Some of the candidates from the outposts could not be here in time to take it. The results which came to hand last week show that 20 passed, five with 3rd Class Honours. 20 candidates were successful in the Junior Local. They were awarded three distinctions. Out of 31 presented, only two failed in the English Section which comprises Dictation, Grammar, Composition and Literature. Six passed the Matriculation, and five the Senior Local. Nine failed. In the Pitman's Short-hand Examinations two obtained a second-class certificate, and 17 a third-class. The type-writing class is well attended. Chinese is taught to all the Chinese boys in accordance with the code. Chow Fung To passed with distinction the Chinese test in the Junior Local. French or Portuguese is now taught to the pupils of European parentage in Classes 1 to 1, from three to five hours a week. Rev. Father B. da Silva has been in charge of the Portuguese Class since September last. An analysis of the numbers and results of the Senior Class students for the last four years will enable you to judge how the College stands with regard to higher education. 77 candidates were presented for the Matriculation and Senior Local; 52 passed, two with honours. 23 of the students were Portuguese, 25 Chinese, 16 Indians, and 13 of British, French or Spanish nationality. Ten of those who matriculated are pursuing their studies in the Faculties of the Local University, and two or three in foreign universities. The proportion of matriculated students who continue their studies is fairly satisfactory, but far too many of our pupils leave from Classes 4 and 5, corresponding to the old 5th and 6th Standards respectively. Their education is so incomplete and so limited, that they will have but few opportunities and command very small salaries. In the words of a well-known educationist (Sir James Yoxall M.P.), "It was because the children of the working classes left school at the early age of 14 that they had such poor chances in the competition of life." And he is right. Teachers must exercise the faculties and impart formation and power; but in the light of experience we all know that very little power can be imparted to a child's mind before he is 14. It is, however, satisfactory to note that the numbers in the high classes are increasing year by year. There are 145 in Classes 1, 2 and 3 this year. In the Hongkong School Football League, the College came second; and in the Hongkong School Sports our athletes won the quarter mile, the half mile, and the team races. The College team which was entered for the Junior Hongkong League did creditably. This

year the team has won the League. Football remains the boys' favourite game, however both day boys and boarders avail themselves to the full of the lower tennis court in our new grounds. The larger upper court which unfortunately has already been stripped of its turf is used for various games, but chiefly for inter-class football competitions by the younger boys. It is far too small for regular football games. On account of the abnormal conditions which prevailed almost all through the year, the College annual athletic meeting was not held. Empire Day was celebrated as well as ever. Mr. Ralphs gave out the prizes provided by the Old Boys' Association, and in the course of his address to the students he said: "I take the opportunity of congratulating St. Joseph's College upon the patriotic spirit shown annually in its celebration of Empire Day." We gratefully remember that two years ago, Mrs. Li Shek Pang & Sons donated \$12,000 and that various benefactors subscribed over \$2,000 towards the completion of the annexe which proved such a boon when the old building was condemned. Memorial tablets will be erected as promised as soon as future plans are definitely settled. During the past few months alteration of a sanitary block have involved considerable expenditure. Funds will also be needed to equip a laboratory for the teaching of elementary science. We also want a gymnasium, and a large play-ground for both day-scholars and boarders. We feel confident that as in the past the generous assistance of the Government and of the friends and promoters of education will enable us to carry out the necessary improvements. Before concluding I beg leave to recall the memory of the Founder of the Christian Brothers—St. John Baptist de la Salle—whose statue now adorns the Hall of this building. This year will see the 2nd centenary of his death at Rouen on the 7th April, 1719. Born at Rheims in 1651, he was the Apostle of Popular Education in the 17th century, and to-day his disciples continue his work in all the countries of the world, conducting no fewer than 1,500 schools and colleges. The words of St. Valentine Control in a recent issue of the London Times are remarkable:—"We must shrink from no sacrifices to improve our methods of education," wrote St. Valentine, "and must carry into practice the principle that the formation of character on a sound moral basis is as important educationally as the development of the intellect." The Brothers have been working on these lines for 240 years in accordance with the rules laid down by their founder. It now remains for me to thank Your Excellency very much for having come to present the prizes to the pupils. To our benefactors and contributors to the Prize Fund I beg to offer the expression of my gratitude. I also thank you, my Lord, ladies and gentlemen, for the honour of your presence to-day.

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## UNION CHURCH.

## PRESENTATION TO THE PASTOR.

The semi-jubilee of the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald's ministry was last night marked by the presentation of a silver tea service and tray to him and Mrs. Macdonald as a token of the appreciation of his flock.

Mr. A. Mackenzie, in making the presentation, said the gifts which the seatholders of the Union Church had asked the reverend gentleman to accept were in no way the measure of their appreciation of him as a man or as a minister, but they would be a simple memorial to him of an interesting occasion, a stage of life's journey accomplished and of a milestone reached. The Rev. Mr. Macdonald, he said, was a much appreciated man by his congregation and the community generally. He expressed the hope that he would be blessed with health and strength to carry on his work amongst them.

The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald said he was much more used to presiding over occasions when he was asked to make presentations than to accept them himself. He found himself very short of words to say what he would like to say. The present occasion caused a reminder that time was passing and it was 25 years ago that he was retained to the full charge of a congregation. It was 25 years since his initiation, and now they took notice of it. He did expect that they would take it in any way like this. Before his initiation he celebrated his wedding; therefore, it was also his silver wedding. A Scotchman never tells his wife what he thinks of her. He thought he would make a great mistake if he did not say that if he was able to achieve in the course of his work success, a great deal of it was due to the wisdom and unfailing loyalty of the partner of his life.

If he were to begin with the reminiscences of his 25 years' ministry it would be another 25 years before the congregation got home (Laughter). Those 25 years had been a very important period in the life of the church and the nation. He had received very great support and kindness from Christian workers in Hongkong, and he took this opportunity of saying that the kindly and appreciative feelings towards him were fully returned by himself. His prayer was that they together may be able to make progress and that their lives may be of greater service to our fellow-citizens. The Union Church was in its 75th year. He did not know how many of them were acquainted with this fact. Seventy-five years was a long time. He thought they should mark it. It was a diamond jubilee. At any rate, if it was not that, it was three-quarters of a century. He had an idea in his mind how to celebrate it. It was not the new pulpit. That was too small would deprive them of the treasure they had given him. He hoped that whatever the thieves took from his house, they would not take the tea service from him. They were simple folks and they would try to do their best. (Laughter and applause). He very heartily thanked the congregation. He said his wife also thanked them as well.

Mr. E. J. Chapman, organist, wrote apologising for his inability to attend. He expressed the choir's high appreciation of Mr. Macdonald, and added his own feeling of high regard for the minister as a fearless, outspoken and courteous gentleman, to which was joined a cultured style and a mastery of English not always met with in a preacher. Any subject he touched was expressed with convincing clarity, notably treatment of the war and of the peculiar problems met with in the East. The Church and the Colony were richer for having such a man in their midst. (Applause).

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Hongkong, January 30, 1919.

Major Macdonald was to have made the presentation, but was unable to attend owing to indisposition. By letter he expressed his appreciation of the Rev. Kirk Macdonald.

At the annual meeting, the chairman, Mr. G. M. Shaw, said the financial results were quite good and he thought they had every reason to be satisfied with the way in which the revenue of the Church had been maintained. With regard to those going away for good if he might be allowed, he would like to drop a hint to them. He wished to say that a very permanent memorial of their sojourn in Hongkong and their connection with Union Church, might take the form of a pulpit. He was sure that the new Committee would be very glad to receive such a gift.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Secretary.—Mr. E. B. Cubey. Treasurer.—Mr. C. C. Hickling. Committee of Management.—Messrs D. Macdonald, J. Walker, G. M. Shaw, A. Mackenzie, J. Mitchell, J. L. McPherson, F. Mohler, D. McNeillie, J. D. Wilson, A. G. Smyth, and A. Stevenson. Ladies Committee.—Messrs Macdonald, C. C. Hickling, A. Mackenzie, J. A. McPherson, J. Macdonald, J. D. Chapman, S. Baker, J. Stubbings and A. Stevenson.

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## FOREIGN TROOPS IN CHINA.

## QUESTION OF THEIR WITHDRAWAL.

Public opinion in China is earnestly demanding the withdrawal from Peking and other towns in China, of the foreign garrisons which have been stationed there since the conclusion of the treaty between China and the Powers in 1900, following the Boxer War, and it is expected that the Chinese Government will shortly take up the matter with a view of demanding from the Powers the withdrawal of their troops, according to the Tokyo Asahi.

There were seven Powers maintaining garrisons in China—Japan, Great Britain, America, France, Italy, Germany and Russia. The latter two Germany and Russia, withdrew their troops during the war, so that there are at present the garrisons of five Powers in China, each consisting of nearly 1,000 men. The purpose of stationing these troops in China originally was to protect the legations of the respective Powers against another possible uprising of the anti-foreign element. The Chinese public, however, is insisting strongly that the cultural development of the country has already made such foreign garrisons unnecessary.

It is alleged, says the Asahi, that Powers, still doubtful about the ability of the Chinese authorities to protect the safety of the foreign residents in China, will not consent to the request, even if it be presented. The paper reports that the request will be among those made by the Chinese peace delegation at the forthcoming Versailles Conference.

## RICE FOR BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

Regarding Japan's and England's request for special permission to export a certain quantity of rice from China, the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce has already decided to submit the matter to the Kus Wu Yuan for consideration. According to the standing regulations, an export duty at the rate of one dollar is to be levied on each picul of rice.

## TIENTSIN CHARITY SALE.

The French Ladies in Tientsin have held a Charity Sale for the benefit of the French war-maimed soldiers, which brought in a total of \$5,121.17. The total expenses being \$700.85, the net proceeds remain at the sum of \$4,420.22. Consequently a cheque of Francs 21,172.85 has just been sent to Mr. Maurice Barres, in Paris, for the Maimed Soldiers' Fund.

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